the stock; and (ii) inventory control; and

(c) what are the reasons leading to excess stocking of Gypsum?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Gypsum is a by-product in the Phosphoric Acid Sections of Cochin and Udyogamandal Plants. Generally, it is waste material, except for very limited offtake by cement plants, and is dumped in the open. There is, therefore, no question of excess-stocking of gypsum by Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Proluction of sub-standard fertilizers by FACT

2214. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether is is a fact that the FACT is producing sub-standard super phosphate fertilizers; and

(b) if so, in what circumstances, and what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

Joint venture fertilizer production

2215. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into joint ventures with other countries for the production of fertilizers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has entered into a joint venture with Senegal for production of phosphatic fertilizers in that country. The Senegal project will make an assured supply of 1.10 lakh tonnes of phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) per annum to Indian plants for manufacture of finished fertilisers. Government has also entered into a financial participation agreement with the Government of Nauru under which the Government of Nauru will have 40 per cent equity shares in the authorised capital of Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL) which is setting up a Di-ammonium Phosphate fertilizers plant in Paradeep (Orissa).

Production of Enythomycin

2216. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIERS be pleased to state:

(a) which of the units are producing Erythomycin and its salts from the basic stages and what is their production during the last three years, year-wise:

(b) whether the price of Erythomycin and its salts have been fixed; is so, the price of each;

(c) what is the present customs duty on Erythomycin Thiocynate and what was its import during 1984-85 and upto 30th June, 1985 by each unit alongwith source and landed cost per kg. of each consignment;

(d) whether it is a fact that customs duty was increased on this penultimate drug;

(e) if so, when and what was the duty imposed earlier and what is the present duty:

(f) whether it is a fact that certain units imported huge quantities of this drug before the increase in customs duty;

(g) if so, the quantity imported by each unit during the six months preceding the increase; and